

# GHAJAR EXHIBIT 55

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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
4 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION  
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7 RICHARD KADREY, et al.,  
8 Individual and Representative,  
9 Plaintiffs,

10 v.

Case No.

11 META PLATFORMS, INC., 3:23-cv-03417-VC  
12 a Delaware corporation,  
13 Defendant.

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17 PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER  
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19 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of  
20 DAVID CHOFFNES, Ph.D.  
21 Boston, Massachusetts  
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24 Reporter: Michael D. O'Connor, RMR, CRR, CRC  
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Friday, March 28, 2025

9:34 a.m.

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pursuant to notice, before Michael D.  
O'Connor, Registered Merit Reporter,  
Certified Realtime Reporter, Certified  
Realtime Captioner.

1	A.	I'm there.	11:16:34
2	Q.	Thank you, sir. In connection	11:16:35
3		with your report, you provide certain	11:16:37
4		probabilities that you believe are relevant to	11:16:41
5		whether or not Meta shared a piece in	11:16:44
6		Plaintiffs' work, correct?	11:16:49
7	A.	Correct.	11:16:51
8	Q.	In Table 2, one of the factors you	11:16:51
9		used was the "Hours Leeching," correct?	11:16:54
10	A.	Yes, correct.	11:16:57
11	Q.	By "leeching," we're talking about	11:17:02
12		the period of time when Meta was downloading	11:17:03
13		the torrent, correct?	11:17:06
14	A.	Correct.	11:17:08
15	Q.	Your probabilities, correct me if	11:17:08
16		I'm wrong, do not take into account a period of	11:17:13
17		time, if any, that Meta was seeding, correct?	11:17:16
18	A.	Correct.	11:17:19
19	Q.	Dr. Choffnes, the data sets at	11:17:19
20		issue here, you understand were Internet	11:18:36
21		Archive, Z-Lib and portions of Libgen, correct?	11:18:41
22	A.	By "at issue here," what are you	11:18:47
23		referring? In what context are you referring?	11:18:49
24	Q.	The data sets that you contend	11:18:52
25		there was some probability of uploading by	11:18:54

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1 Q. Understood. And that's spread out 12:49:45

2 among 13 Plaintiffs, correct? 12:49:50

3 A. Actually, I don't know the exact 12:49:52

4 number of Plaintiffs either. But again, if 12:49:53

5 it's helpful, we can sort of assume that for 12:49:56

6 now. 12:49:58

7 Q. Okay. Now, when you say that 12:49:58

8 "Meta shared at least one piece of Plaintiffs' 12:50:07

9 works," is there a particular work that 12:50:10

10 probability relates to? 12:50:16

11 MR. STEIN: Object as to form. 12:50:17

12 A. So the probability analysis 12:50:19

13 doesn't pinpoint which work was shared. It 12:50:21

14 just indicates the likelihood that at least one 12:50:25

15 of those works was shared. 12:50:29

16 Q. Understood. But you hadn't 12:50:31

17 provided an opinion as to the probability that 12:50:35

18 Meta shared at least one piece of each of the 12:50:37

19 Plaintiffs' works, correct? 12:50:42

20 MR. STEIN: Object as to form. 12:50:46

21 A. That wasn't the scope of my 12:50:47

22 analysis. The scope of my analysis was at 12:50:48

23 least one piece of at least one Plaintiff's 12:50:50

24 works. 12:50:52

25 Q. Understood. And then how about at 12:50:53

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Michael O'Connor, Registered  
Merit Reporter/Certified Realtime Reporter,  
do hereby certify:

That DAVID R. CHOFFNES, Ph.D., the  
witness whose testimony is hereinbefore set  
forth, was duly sworn by me and that such  
testimony is a true and accurate record of  
my stenotype notes taken in the foregoing  
matter to the best of my knowledge, skill  
and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and Notarial Seal this 30th day  
of March 2025.



MICHAEL O'CONNOR, RMR, CRR, CRC  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:  
November 9, 2029